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MCGREGOR SITE CLEANUP*****Agency to Discuss Navy Proposal to Discharge Perchlorate Contaminated
Groundwater*****CONTACT:****RUBEN OCHOA**
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The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has scheduled a public meeting on Thursday, October 7, in McGregor to discuss the Navy's proposal to treat contaminated groundwater at the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant McGregor facility. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the McGregor High School cafeteria, 903 Johnson Drive.

The TNRCC is currently reviewing the Navy's request for a temporary order to allow the discharge of treated groundwater containing perchlorate. The chemical is a byproduct of propellant used in rocket motors, which were manufactured at the site. TNRCC staff will give brief presentations on technical aspects of the temporary order.

The Navy is currently constructing an interim remediation system in the southwest corner of the Weapons Plant site. The goal of the interim system is to abate the offsite migration of perchlorate by recovering and treating groundwater containing perchlorate, and then discharging the treated groundwater to a nearby tributary of Station Creek.

The temporary order, scheduled for consideration by the TNRCC at its October 13, 1999 Agenda, would allow the Navy to operate the interim remediation system for a six month period while the agency processes their application for a new wastewater permit. Written comments on the Temporary Order will be accepted until the October 13, 1999 Agenda.

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